



Polk County Sheriff's Office
Office of Professional Standards
Polk County River Place – 2309 Euclid Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50310

October 8th, 2012

Dear Lisa Schaa,

The investigation of your complaint regarding Deputy Dale Petersen has been completed. We appreciate you taking the time to convey your concerns of the events that occurred on June 3rd, 2012.

The evidence in this investigation is evaluated using the legal proof standard of a preponderance of the evidence. This means, to establish the allegation, the evidence must show more likely than not the conduct of Deputy Petersen, constitutes the misconduct which was alleged.

In this case, evidence from the following sources was evaluated:

- Your written complaint and statement
- Statements of other witnesses and interested parties

After reviewing the information collected during the investigation, we agree the comments made by Deputy Petersen regarding the "Octagon Sign" and "Raining on your Parade" were not in keeping with the demeanor we want to see in our law enforcement officers and this has been addressed. We are pleased that all three parties were able to mediate this incident with an agreed resolution. But as to the thrust of your complaint that Deputy Petersen was aggressive towards you we find that the witness statements do not support your description of the incident. Therefore, this case is closed with a finding of; "Unfounded."

A record of this case is now documented and maintained in the Office of Professional Standards of the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

Again, thank you for conveying your concern to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Simon".

Joe Simon
Captain of Administrative Services
Polk County Sheriff's Office

cc: Sheriff Bill McCarthy
Chief Deputy Vic Munoz
Chief A.Tunks